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On October 8 Passed Assistant Surgeon Thomas was directed to disinfect the *Armstor*. On October 9 he was telegraphed to hasten the disinfection of the *Armstor*, and give discharge if a new crew arrived, holding old crew for period of observation. (The *Armstor*, second day out from Santiago, Cuba, developed an undoubted case of yellow fever, as proved by post-mortem.)

On October 13 the following reports were received from Passed Assistant Surgeon Thomas:

REEDY ISLAND QUARANTINE, DEL., *October 11, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that the steamship *Armstor* was discharged from quarantine yesterday, the 10th instant, after disinfection in obedience to Bureau telegram of the 9th instant. The old crew was sent to the Delaware Breakwater Quarantine Station to undergo their period of detention.

Assistant Surgeon Fox was sent in charge. He returned last night.

Respectfully, yours,

A. R. THOMAS,

Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

REEDY ISLAND QUARANTINE, DEL., *October 11, 1899.*

SIR: Referring to Bureau letter (J. H. W.) of the 9th instant, in regard to the source of infection of steamship *Armstor*, I have the honor to state that the crew had left this station before the letter was received. The *Armstor* on her last voyage sailed from Philadelphia to St. Thomas, Danish West Indies, thence via Santiago de Cuba to Baltimore. I did not learn that she had been at Jamaica. At Santiago she was at the railroad dock in the town, but I was assured by the captain that he was the only person ashore, and that guards were stationed at the wharf to prevent the crew from reaching shore. One of the crew who was sick on reaching quarantine stated positively that he had not been ashore.

The *Armstor* loaded ore and tobacco. The captain stated that all the work of loading the ore was done by stevedores from shore, but the tobacco was stored by the crew.

Respectfully, yours,

A. R. THOMAS,

Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Yellow fever on the schooner R. D. Spear and bark Essex.

PORT TAMPA, FLA., *October 10, 1899.*

SIR: Replying to Bureau letter (J. H. W.) of the 4th instant, in regard to the name and previous history of the schooner on which a case of yellow fever was reported from Mullet Key Quarantine, I have to respectfully state that the schooner was the *R. D. Spear*, American, Captain Southerland. She arrived at Mullet Key, September 20, from Key West, being two days out. She came from New York laden with groceries for Key West and Tampa, and was in the harbor at Key West from September 11 to September 18.

She anchored in the stream and held no communication with the docks at Key West, and while there had no sickness on board. She was disinfected on arrival at Mullet Key, and on the fourth day of detention the captain was taken sick, the symptoms being suspicious, but the diagnosis was not made until the 27th, and death occurred October 1st.

The crew are all nonimmunes excepting the second mate. She was

redisinfecting October 9, and no cases of sickness have developed up to the present time.

Another vessel, the American bark *Essex*, Captain Behrman, arrived in quarantine September 30, ten days out from Key West, where she had been about ten days discharging coal from Baltimore. She took ballast at Key West, where the captain was sick, and 1 seaman sent to hospital. The captain was sick four days with, as he claims, intermittent fever. Three cases of sickness occurred en route to Mullet Key, and 1 death occurred September 29th, the body being buried at sea. The symptoms in all cases pointed to yellow fever.

The ballast was discharged outside of the harbor. The vessel was brought to the wharf to-day for disinfection, and no cases have appeared since arrival.

Respectfully, yours,

F. E. TROTTER,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Report from the detention camp at Mullet Key, Fla.

MULLET KEY, FLA., October 6, 1899.

SIR: I have to respectfully submit the following report of transactions at this camp during the week ended to-day: There have been no arrivals and no departures, and the camp force have been employed in the routine work, and in making some minor improvements.

The case of yellow fever reported at the State station died during the week, and the vessel is still under observation, together with the one on which a death occurred before arriving at quarantine.

Respectfully, yours,

F. E. TROTTER,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.